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MEN are measured by what they have already achieved; not by what they expect to accomplish.

DIPLOMACY is a game at which two or a dozen can play and each go home and claim a victory.

WINTER and spring may be on speaking terms, but none will deny that there is a decided coolness between them.

THOSE who give to the poor may be lending to the Lord, but very few men are willing to take heavenly security on their money.

MORE than three thousand candidates have already announced for state and county offices, and the remote districts are yet to hear from.

WHEN Tupelo gets the five new factories already booked, the citizens of that town will wear plug hats and Prince Alberts seven days in the week.

HARRIS DICKSON, of Vicksburg, whose "Black Wolf's Breed" is attained a phenomenal sale, placing his name and fame high up among the most successful novelists of recent years, is soon to issue another book, which has been pronounced his best production.

EDGAR G. HARRIS, formerly of this county and one of the brightest young newspaper men in the state, is now on the staff of the Columbus Commercial, and is making it one of the best papers in the state.—Ackerman Plaindealer.

A POPULIST meeting is to be held in Choctaw county. The call is signed by Dr. R. K. Prewitt, late chairman of the populist executive committee, candidate for governor on that ticket, and at one time a member of the legislature. The democrats down there don't seem to be in the least disturbed.

THE Sunflower Tocsin says that Minnie Cox is still drawing her salary as postmistress at Indianola, notwithstanding the fact that she performs no duties and has long since been thrown down by her bondsmen. The private post-office is doing the business and the citizens of the town are still paying the two young ladies who are in charge of it.

A DISPATCH from London discloses the somewhat startling information that men who desire to move in the swell social circles must henceforth wear corsets. Simultaneously appears a special from New York which says that the elite of that city are already discussing the new garment. When the new style comes to this country, the fat man will be forced to take his place along side of the fat woman who has long since been practically barred from the swell social sets in the great cities.

### Scientists and the South.

Scientists are now engaged in studying the effect of climate on the dispositions and inclinations of the human race. Continual revolution in the South American republics has suggested the idea that people who are reared under the melting rays of a tropical sun are warm-blooded, easy to offend and quick to seek revenge.

One writer of more or less reputation goes so far as to compare the temperment of citizens residing in different sections of the United States and concludes that the citizens of the Southern states evince a tendency to fight that is lacking in those who are reared in colder climates. Statistics of the Civil War tend to substantiate the assertion, and demonstrate conclusively, he says, that Southern people are not only inclined to fight on less provocation than their Northern neighbors, but that they fight harder. Survivors of the Union army will not dispute the contention.

THE Chicago Record-Herald is authority for the statement that a Mississippi judge, has instructed the grand jury to indict ladies who play progressive euchre for prizes, yet some people insist that Mississippi judges do not possess the courage of their convictions.

## WANT TO ASSIST

Owners of Handsome Homes are Displaying Public Spirit.

Were it possible to induce moneyed men of other states to personally visit Columbus and see with their own eyes the desirability of a residence here, especially during the winter, many of them would buy and improve property. They would discover that Columbus is a city of cultured people possessing handsome residences; that the wide streets, tree-embowered and well kept, are on either side in the residence districts with homes of more than ordinary beauty of design and that for the most part the grounds are well-kept and artistically laid off.

The very best plan for inducing actual visits is to present to the attention of desirable new residents photographic views of Columbus. The pictures of homes in The Commercial's Magazine edition will conclusively show the beauty of the resident section, and it is a source of gratification to this paper that so many homeowners are authorizing the insertion of a view of their residences. Among those already assured are the residences of Gen. S. D. Lee, Dr. R. R. Stockard, Newman Cayce, Peter Alexander, E. C. Chapman, Samuel Kaye, John T. Wood, Dr. Jas. W. Lipscomb.

### So Sweet and Pleasing in Taste!

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kan., speaking of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, says it has never failed to give entire satisfaction, and of all cough remedies, it is my favorite, and I must confess to my many friends that it will do, and has done, what is claimed for it—to speedily cure a cough or a cold; and it is so sweet and pleasing in taste." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at Mayo and Weaver.

### Fought in Jail.

J. W. Fugett and Lum Williams, two prisoners in the county jail, became involved in a difficulty last Sunday over the possession of a cuspidor and fought for some minutes before they could be separated by the jail officials. The fight, however, does not seem to have been a very spirited one, as neither of the participants was severely hurt. Fugett is a white man and was sent here from Leake county, where he was convicted on a charge of murder, while Williams is a negro who was sent up from the Crawford district and also stands accused of the charge of murder.

Mr. J. T. Brent, of Aberdeen, spent last Sunday with his brother, Mr. J. W. Brent.

### Sam Houston's Birthday.

Last Monday was one of the most revered days of all the year for the sons of the Lone Star State. It was upon this day in 1793, in a hamlet in Rockbridge county, Virginia, that Sam Houston first saw the light of day. The story of Sam Houston is almost too familiar to sketch an outline. His career was spectacular. In character eccentric yet a born leader and when clothed with responsibility never erratic. He was a friend of Andrew Jackson, a friendship won in the Creek war. In 1827 Houston was elected governor of Tennessee, having served in congress for four years. He occupied the executive chair for one term and was re-elected. A few months thereafter, in April, 1829, he left a note upon the table in his office resigning the governorship. It was a bomb-shell. Only the January before he had married Miss Eliza Allen, of Sumner county, Tennessee, and she he deserted along with his office. Execration followed him upon his journey. He joined the Cherokees with whom as a youth in east Tennessee he had been intimately associated, having been adopted by the chief, John Jolly. No one has ever known why Houston left his bride and office, but the generally accepted reason is that he found that his wife married him while loving another and that he sacrificed himself that she might be free. Certain it was that she was a good, pure woman but neither he nor she ever gave reason for the separation. When the revolutionary movement in Texas was in its incipency, Houston eagerly espoused the cause. He avenged the massacre of brave patriots at the Alamo in the historic battle of San Jacinto, captured Santa Anna and achieved the independence of Texas. In recognition of his services, he was overwhelmingly elected the first regular president of Texas. He served a term and after two years' interval was again elected. He served with prudence and wisdom. Upon the annexation of Texas to the United States he became its representative in the United States senate and afterwards served as governor for two years, 1859-1861. He was forced out of office because of refusal to recognize the secession ordinance. In 1840, Houston married Margaret Moffitt Lea, of Marion, Ala., who bore him eight children. It was a coincidence that on March 2, 1836 the declaration of the independence of Texas was signed. It is no wonder that March 2nd is a great day in Texas.

The best pill 'neath the stars and stripes; It cleanses the system and never gripes. Little Early Risers of worldly repute—Ask for DeWitt's and take no substitute. A small pill, easy to buy, easy to take and easy to act, but never failing in results. DeWitt's Little Early Risers arouse the secretions and acts as a tonic to the liver, curing permanently Chapman & Mayfield.

### Export Cotton.

The steamer Hard Cash arrived at noon last Monday from Mobile and left at six o'clock the same afternoon on her return trip carrying a cargo of miscellaneous freight and 864 bales of cotton which were shipped by Messrs. Pentecost and Weaver to European points via Mobile.

### Children's Coughs and Colds.

Mrs. Joe McGrath, 327 E. 1st St., Hutchinson, Kan., writes: "I have given Ballard's Horehound Syrup to my children for coughs and colds for the past four years, and find it the best medicine I ever used." Unlike many cough syrups, it contains no opium, but will soothe and heal any disease of the throat or lungs quicker than any other remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Mayo and Weaver.

## STATE NEWS AND VIEWS

Short Items of Interest Gathered From Various Sources.

Twenty-eight barges, carrying 28,000 tons of coal, valued at \$75,000, sunk in the Mississippi river near Vicksburg last Sunday.

As a result of the heavy rains, the rivers of the Mississippi valley and throughout the southwest are remarkably high and reports of damage by floods come from many quarters.

The Echo, published in the thriving city of Bay St. Louis, and one of the best weekly newspapers in the state, is erecting for itself a handsome brick office building.

Winona citizens are anxious for waterworks and sewerage and it is probable that an election will be held at an early date to vote bonds to build them.

A new railroad is in contemplation to run from Memphis to Indianola and the Sunflower Tocsin urges the citizens of its town to encourage the enterprise.

Trains are now running over the new Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City road as far north as Laurel and the construction will soon be completed to Newton. It is opening up a fine territory.

Holmes county has more banks than any other county in the State. Lexington has 3, Durant 2, Tchula 1, Pickens 1 and Goodman 1, making a total of 8 in the county and all of them are said to be in a flourishing condition.

Hon. W. D. Caulfield, of the Gloster Record, is another editor who wants to occupy a seat in the next state legislature. Editor Caulfield is eminently worthy of the honor and will doubtless be elected.

Meridian has also been having trouble with her electric lights. The denizens of that progressive burg can sympathize heartily with the citizens of Columbus who groped through dark streets for several nights last week.

A dispatch from Memphis says that the Mississippi river situation is becoming serious. S. C. Emery, the local weather bureau official in that city says:

"From the present outlook of water in sight it is probable that the river at Memphis will equal or exceed the highest known. The present rise has been unprecedented and a flood is coming."

Three of the supervisors of Lauderdale county have expressed themselves in favor of building a \$50,000 court house to replace the one destroyed by fire in Meridian.

Mr. H. J. West, of Water Valley, the newly appointed book-keeper of the state treasury, has assumed the duties of the position which was recently vacated by Mr. Charles Lowe, who died in Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. West is one of the most capable accountants in the state.

Secretary of State Power has paid into the treasury the neat sum of \$1,600 in charter fees, being the gross returns to the state on account of new corporations organized and launched during the month of February. February has been a very busy month

with Secretary Power in recording charters, and the number of new corporations being organized continues steadily on the increase.

Hazlehurst is on the boom. During the past week three new enterprises have been organized in that town, including an ice factory, a big lumber mill and a brick and tile factory.

Only one service was held at the Okolona churches on last Sunday, all denominations joining in the funeral services of the late Mrs. Virginia Gordon, who died at her home near that town on last Friday. Mrs. Gordon was the wife of Col. James Gordon, the well known confederate veteran, and was a beloved Christian woman.

Circuit court is in session this week at Kosciusko and the fifteen lynchings recently indicted by the grand jury of Attala county will be tried at this term. Judge W. F. Stevens, of Carrollton, is presiding and Hon. W. P. Tackett, of Lexington, is representing the state.

Charles Strickland and Dave Logan, colored, have been sentenced to hang at Holly Springs on April 10.

The state supreme court has decided that osteopathic doctors do not come within the statutory regulations governing the practice of medicine and that osteopaths are not liable to indictment for failure to stand medical examinations.

Hon. E. N. Thomas, of Washington county, is being discussed as a possible candidate for the speakership of the next state legislature. His re-election as a member is assured, and being one of the strongest debaters and most popular members of the last house he would develop a strong following, especially among those who served with him in the last assembly, should he decide to become a candidate when the next legislature meets.

### A Physician Writes.

"I am desirous of knowing if the profession can obtain Herbine in bulk for prescribing purposes? It has been of great use to me in treating cases of dyspepsia brought on by excesses or overwork. I have never known it to fail in restoring the organs affected, to their healthful activity." 50c bottle at Mayo and Weaver.

### Fireman Carter Resigns.

Exum Carter, who has for several years past been connected with the City Fire Department in the capacity of driver, has tendered his resignation and gone to St. Louis to accept a position. He has been succeeded temporarily by Frank Ramage.

### Cures Sciatic Rheumatism.

Mrs. A. E. Simpson, 508 Craig St., Knoxville, Tenn., writes, June 10th, 1899: "I have been trying the baths of Hot Springs, Ark., for sciatic rheumatism, but I get more relief from Ballard's Snow Liniment than any medicine or anything I have ever tried. Enclosed find postoffice order for \$1.00. Send me a large bottle by Southern Express." Sold by Mayo and Weaver.

THE handsome face of Hon. J. Lem Seawright, editor of the Ackerman Plaindealer and Senator from Choctaw and Oetibbeha counties, will be missing when the new legislature to be elected this year assembles in the new state capitol. Our neighboring counties take it turn about choosing senators and Senator Seawright will remain at home and let Oetibbeha furnish the next man. The Commercial predicts that friend Seawright will not long remain in the walks of private life.

Lieutenant-Gov. Jas. T. Harrison spent Tuesday in Starkville.

## WILL COVER THE TERRITORY

Strong Local Circulation of Our Magazine Edition. —2,500 Copies.

The handsome Special Edition of The Commercial will be sent free to all regular subscribers and to quite a number of people in this vicinity who are not as yet on our list—in all, 2,500 copies will be given to people within trading distance of Columbus.

This makes our Special Edition a remarkably attractive advertising proposition. Prospective customers of Columbus business men will receive these copies, free of charge, and the edition will contain pictures of the court houses (old and new) the city hall (old and new) the Masonic temple, Elks' Home, street and river views, many manufacturing plants, residences, store buildings, portraits, etc., at least fifty engravings will be made for the edition. There will be articles descriptive of Columbus' progress and prospects, the investment opportunities here, the social, educational, religious and fraternal conditions, municipal improvements, farm lands and crops, stock raising, fruit raising, hay raising, etc. Ample space will be devoted to showing the city's trading facilities, and to do this it is essential that the stores and stocks be described. We will show why it pays to drive many miles in order to trade in Columbus, why this is a good cotton market, why farmers and others should make bank deposits here.

Merchants who secure space in this edition can do so with the certainty that their advertisements will be placed in attractive form before 2,500 home people. Allowing four to the family (a low estimate) there will be 10,000 readers of this edition.

And it will be read with interest by those receiving copies.

If you want a picture of your residence, a cut of your store, a card or an advertisement in this edition, let The Commercial know and a representative of this office will call and fully explain both the edition and the expense.

Let's all pull for a greater Columbus.

### Single Handed.

How is it that Hon. H. D. Money has not raised his voice in the U. S. Senate in behalf of the people of Indianola, a question often asked of late in political circles. Mr. Money has been at the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. W. S. Hill, who died recently in New Orleans, but he will yet be heard from in some way on this question, as it is not settled. But McLaurin, single handed and alone, like the fellow at the bridge, has held the administration forces at bay and shattered some of their lanes.—Calhoun Monitor.

W. R. Scott, formerly editor of the Europa Progress, and one of the brightest and brainiest young men in Mississippi, has announced as a candidate for State Senator from the senatorial district composed of Clay and Webster counties. Mr. Scott is thoroughly capacitated for the place and the people of Clay and Webster will make no mistake should they choose him for the important position to which he aspires.

Singer oil is the best. It does not gum and costs no more than an inferior article. 5-29 if. R. B. LESLIE, Mgr.